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AND CLEANING METHOD FOR THE SAME )

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR RESPONSE WITHIN THIRD MONTH  
AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

**(a.) Introductory Comments and Extension Request**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003.

Applicant, a large entity, hereby requests an extension for response within the third month, such that Applicant's response is not due until July 13, 2003. The required extension fee of \$930.00 is enclosed in the form of a check.